blood system. Other activities are the encouragement of rational use of blood under which existing facilities will be strengthened and one new component separation facility established in Delhi; training of all medical and para medical personnel working in blood banks; and, modernisation of government blood banks with equipment and supplies for the proper storage and collection of blood. The system of supervision is being strengthened by provision of additional trained manpower and appropriate facilities. The Drug and Cosmetics Rules are also being amended to make the licensing procedures more stringent.

Surrender by Extremists in Tripura

*133. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the statements made by the extremists who recently surrendered before the Tripura Chief Minister in the beginning of April this year to the effect that they had been trained and armed in the Chittagong hits in Bangladesh ;

(b) if so, the number of extremists who surrendered, the details of the arms surrendered by them and the precise details of the statements made by them about their militant activities ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During April, 1992, 10 extremists, five of them ATTF, surrendered before the Chief Minister. The extremists have stated during interrogation that they were involved in forcible collection of subscriptions in interior areas, robbery and dacoity. Five country made muzzle-loading guns, one country made pistol, some gunpowder and a few rounds of ammunition were recovered as unclaimed property. Five of them have stated that they were trained in Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh.

The question of Indian extremists having camps/bases in Bangladesh has been taken up with that Government. The Government would welcome the misguided militant elements giving up the path of violence.

Use of Hindi in Technical Departments

*134. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR :
SHRI RAGHAVJI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that all the technical departments have more than 80 per cent officers having working knowledge of Hindi ;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to publicise and ensure acceptance of research discussion papers in Hindi in all the seminars ; conferences, workshops which are being fully/partly funded by Government Departments or its R&D centres and undertakings ;

(c) what is the policy of various technical departments to ensure acceptance of research papers in Hindi in international conferences ; and

(d) whether there is any special cell in the Department of Official Language to hear grievances of violation of rules for progressive use of Hindi ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Escape by ULFA Leaders

*135. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :